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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 46-70 as follows:

46. (New) An isolated polynucleotide which:

- (a) encodes a polypeptide that has the properties of a methylarginase, which polynucleotide is selected from the group consisting of:
- (1) the coding sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11;
  - (2) a fragment of a sequence defined in (1);
  - (3) a sequence which hybridises selectively to the complement of a sequence defined in (1) or (2); and

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